REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites <u>checking for a default value in manufacturing of a product serial number</u> of a BIOS ROM (Read Only Memory); storing an added check sum value that is calculated by byte-adding the user password and the product serial number in a memory, when the product serial number is not a default value in manufacturing. In contrast, Challener does not check for a default value, but instead adds automatically without the checking operation. The failure bit described at column 8, line 18 merely determines that the operation fails, but does not determine the reason for the failure. Thus, the reference does not determine that the reason for the failure is because the value is still a default. Furthermore, column 8, lines 33-37 (relied upon by the Examiner at page 4 of the Office Action) refer to the concatenation of the password and the corporate nonce, but do not discuss any default value.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.
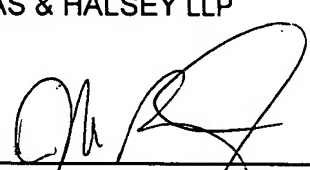
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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